

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) Wear apparatus mountable on an excavating device support structure and comprising a wear member having:

spaced apart front and rear ends;

a cavity extending forwardly through said rear end and configured to removably receive a portion of the support structure;

an exterior side wall extending forwardly from said rear end and partially bounding said cavity, said exterior side wall having an interior side surface; and

a recess formed in said interior side surface, said recess having a first end portion rearwardly opening outwardly through said rear end of said wear member, and a second end portion disposed forwardly of said first end portion of said recess and being transversely enlarged relative thereto in a direction parallel to said interior side surface of said exterior side wall, said second end portion having a forwardly facing abutment surface.

2. (Original) The wear apparatus of Claim 1 wherein:
said wear member is a replaceable tooth point.

3. (Currently Amended) The wear apparatus of Claim 1 wherein:
~~said second end portion of said recess has a forwardly facing arcuate~~
~~abutment surface~~ said abutment surface is a forwardly facing arcuate
abutment surface.

4. (Original) The wear apparatus of Claim 3 wherein:
said arcuate abutment surface has a generally circular curvature.

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7. (Original) The wear apparatus of Claim 1 wherein:
said exterior side wall has an opening extending inwardly
therethrough into said second end portion of said recess.

8. (Original) The wear apparatus of Claim 7 wherein:
said second end portion of said recess has a peripheral surface
defined by a peripheral surface portion of said opening.

9. (Original) The wear apparatus of Claim 1 further comprising:
a locking member rotatably received in said second end portion of
said recess.

10. (Original) The wear apparatus of Claim 9 wherein:
said locking member has a disc-shaped configuration.

11. (Original) The wear apparatus of Claim 10 wherein:
said locking member has an inner side portion facing said recess and
having a diametrically extending slot formed therein.

12. (Original) The wear apparatus of Claim 11 wherein:
said slot has a tapered configuration.

13. (Original) The wear apparatus of Claim 10 wherein:
said locking member has an outer side portion facing said opening
and having a noncircular drive opening formed therein.

14. (Original) The wear apparatus of Claim 1 wherein:
said cavity has an elliptical cross-section elongated in a direction
generally transverse to said exterior side wall.

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22. (Original) The wear apparatus of claim 1 wherein:
said rear end has an alternately scalloped rearwardly facing surface
circumscribing the entrance to said cavity.

23. (Original) The wear apparatus of Claim 22 wherein:
said alternately scalloped rearwardly facing surface is defined by
peripherally alternating forwardly and rearwardly curved portions.

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